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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/516,564	Applicant(s) THIEL, RUDOLF	
	Examiner Devon C. Kramer	Art Unit 3683	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2) Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farr (UK 2041122) in view of Hohnstadt et al (6374939).

In re claim 9-11, 15-16, Farr provides a floating-caliper disc brake of a motor vehicle including a brake holder (2) firmly attached to the vehicle, on which the floating caliper is axially displaceably mounted, and including a locking element (5a, 13, 19) for radial fixation of the floating caliper on the brake holder part that is detachably secured to the floating caliper and axially displaceably arranged with a portion on the brake holder.

Farr lacks the teaching of the lock device being adjustable in a radial direction through the use of an elongated hole.

Hohnstadt et al teaches an elongated mounting hole to adjust the mounting of a device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided the locking device of Farr with an elongated mounting hole as taught by Hohnstadt merely to allow some tolerances in the design and to adjust for

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wear and further since it has been held that the provision of adjustability, where needed, involves only routine skill in the art. In re Stevens, 101 USPQ 284

In re claim 12, please note that screws are capable of being unscrewed and detaching the element.

In re claims 13-14, see figure 1.

Response to Arguments

3) Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 9-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The examiner will address some of applicant's arguments to expedite the prosecution of the application. Please note that element 5A operates in a similar manner to that of applicant's locking element, and is used to fix the elements together.

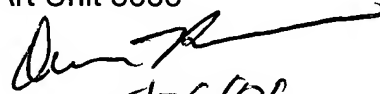
4) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon C. Kramer whose telephone number is 571-272-7118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James McClellan can be reached on (571)272-6786. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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